Al Benedict cites Carbondale Mirror classifieds for improper tax fund transfers REAL ESTATE

The report noted that the city eventually reimbursed its state highway account the full The 1979 allocation of \$63,612 was not

Mayor refutes Benedict's report

Carbondale Mayor Fred Mancuso said last Wednesday, in a news release, "The City of Carbondale has not and is not engaged in any illegal use of state Liquid Fuel Tax funds" and that a press release from State Auditor General Al Benedict's office was sensationalism compounded by "The irresponsible use of the word 'illegal' to blacken the reputation of the city government of Carbondale."

Notes improvement

The mayor said, "In the auditor general's report he states 'we noted an improvement in the record keeping after the city had improperly transferred more than \$111.000 from the Liquid Fuels Tax account to the general fund in 1979 and 1980.

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"Our finance director, at the time, Pete Judge, in transferring the funds, was within what the state permits. He was amiss in not — at that time — documenting the transfer.

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Judge says PennDOT differs with Benedict

Managing director says other report commends city for 1979

"They don't get along among themselves," Martin P. Judge, eity managing director, told the Carbondale Mirror as he showed a copy of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) audit.

The PennDOT audit covers the Liquid Fuels Tax Funds. We wish to Dec. 31, 1979, the time period under which the city has come under fire from the office of Auditor General Al Benedict in a recently released audit press release.

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Judge said, "One commends (the PennDOT audit, the other criticizes (the auditor general's)."

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Comments issued with the PennDOT report, released on June 5, 1980, include:

"All monies received were deposited into a special account designated as the "Carabondale City Liquid Fuel Account" in the Liberty Discount and Savings Bank, Carbondale, Pennsylvania.

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Church notes

Beran Baptist Church, Carbondale

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Thursday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m., Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Rose of Lima. Sunday, Nov. 29, 9:45 a.m., Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Rose of Lima. Sunday, Nov. 29, 9:45 a.m., Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Rose of Lima. Sunday, Nov. 29, 9:45 a.m., Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Rose of Lima. Sunday, Nov. 29, 9:45 a.m., Ecumenical arist, the rector.

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THE DANCERS are on their toes for rehearsals of "CABARET" scheduled to be given by Encore Theatre at Carbondale Area High School auditorium the first two weekends in December. The large (45-member) cast includes, above, professional dancer Patti Maxum of Hawley, and Paul Daugevelo, Forest City. Allyn Benson is director-choreographer and plays the Master of Ceremonies in the show. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec, 5,6 and 12, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Dec. 13. (MIRROR photo by Ros-Al)

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The Lakeland Boster club will spon-

Any children of the seventh and eighth

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